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Royal Jozini ready to launch second phase

ROYAL Jozini Big 6 has announced the launch of the next phase of southern Africa's biggest tourism resort project. Due to the solid and continuing success of the game estate, considered the first phase, Royal Jozini is now ready to move forward and expand into the much anticipated second phase – the resort component – and have confirmed their intention to break ground in January 2011.

This phase of the development will consist of a five star, 200 room hotel, spa and boutique casino. It will also feature a signature golf course estate, a boating and tiger fishing marina, tennis and squash courts, swimming pools, restaurants and pubs. The resort will be

situated within the 14 000 hectare Big 5 game reserve. Construction of the resort complex is expected to create upwards of 800 jobs in addition to the existing 200 construction jobs related to on-going lodge construction. Royal Jozini Big 6 also directly employs 72 staff on-site and has a self-imposed wage level some 30% higher than the gazetted minimum wage. The bulk of its staff is recruited through the Lavumisa Community Trust to ensure that the 16 regional chiefdoms benefit equally from the job-creation programme.

In addition to the development and construction currently taking place at Royal Jozini, there has also been an abundance of activ-

ity taking place within the reserve. To date there have been three game releases while plans are well-advanced to remove the barrier fence between Swaziland and South Africa to facilitate opening the Lake Jozini Transfrontier Park later this year. The Lake Jozini Transfrontier Park is one of nine Transfrontier Parks situated in Africa and is the next one scheduled to be officially opened.

The South African government has pledged to donate game animals to Royal Jozini Big 6 valued at R3 million over three years. Royal Jozini Big 6 is named after Africa's the big 5 game animals and the tiger fish which is indigenous to lake Jozini.

